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Farmers' Union Bureau of Information.

Conducted by the South Carolina Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union. Communications intended for this department should be addressed to J. C. Stribling, Pendleton, South Carolina.

At the meeting of the State Executive Committee of the S. C. Farmers' Union April 21 State Sec.-Treas. Reid's report showed the Union to be in much better condition financially and as to its progress than the committee expected in view of the stringent times.

Arrangements were made at this meeting for a Farmers Union campaign in this state to begin about the 1st. of July.

For the purpose of supplying an immediate need for disseminating Farmers Union News, after the reorganization of the state Union, the S. C. Farmers Union News Bureau was reestablished in February last by the executive committee which has been supplying this need until April meeting at which time our News Bureau was discontinued in favor of "Farmers Union Sun" a new farm paper to be published at Spartanburg by a Joint Stock Co. by S. F. Parrot of Gaffney and other Union men scattered over the state.

In behalf of the Farmers Union I extend thanks to the large number of newspapers—nearly 100 in number—that have rendered such good faithful service in our interest during the existence of our Union News Bureau.

J. C. Stribling, Editor in charge of the S. C. Farmers Union News Bureau.

Hold Your Spot Cotton.

Still Reduce Acreage. Plant Other Crops—Corn, Peas, Beans, Tomatoes—Something that Can be Eaten and Fed to Stock.

PENDLETON, April 27.

The manufacturer of North and South Carolina have decided to close down the mills July 1st. If the cloth market is so bad, it looks like it would be good judgment to close earlier, as by July 1st the closing will be compulsory.

Holders of spot cotton, take a firm hold and do not be bluffed as you have been in the past. Cotton is scarcer than it has been in years and the mills are about out of cotton, not enough on hand to run 30 days, and goods have not fallen in price. Cotton gets high when it gets out of the producers' hands.

The Government wants to buy 5 to 10 million dollars worth of Ducky, which will take some cotton. Fall goods have not been contracted for yet, but will have to be soon. Hold your cotton for the minimum price. Cotton exchanges and their agents have been trying to create public sentiment that 15 cts is too high and on account of the holding campaign of the farmers, the financial center in New York has been shaken, widespread panic prevails.

If it is a fact that the Farmers

Union, has in so short a time shaken the great Gibraltar of stock gamblers, we should accept it as the highest tribute to unity among the farmers, and call upon every loyal farmer in the South to join us, then with a firm hand obliterate this dangerous system of doing business, which only can be done by thorough organization of farmers. This is a day of organization.

It seems the crop is now two or three weeks late and the seed bed worse prepared than in many years, as the spring and winter has been so wet that it was impossible to plow deep, which means poor stands and short crop.

Don't forget the 1907 crop is 4,500,000 bales short.

Hold to your cotton, futures cannot be spun and woven into cloth, if it could spots would not be worth ginning.

B. HARRIS,
Pres. Farmers Union.

Miss Ellen Quarterman, the Brave Georgia Girl.

The bravery of Miss Ellen Quarterman in her repulse of the negro brute Saturday morning has attracted widespread attention all over the state. There are very few women, one in ten thousand, who would have stood so bravely up and given such a brute what he deserved. To be caught all alone by this class of desperado in the country with nobody in calling distance, and insulted and attacked in such a low down, vicious manner, and then to be ready with head and hand to repulse that attack, is truly a remarkable feat and one that will always echo through the country to the everlasting credit and honor of the young girl.

Her name has already become the symbol of intense bravery and nerve, and she will always be looked up to and respected for this exhibition of unparalleled bravery. There has been very few instances of nerve in the state and very seldom in the country. Most women would have not been able to do anything, and the negro would have had his way and as a result, unutterable things might have happened. To be able to use her head, being shrewd enough to outwit him and get the pistol and then to come back and open fire upon him is indeed an unusual proceeding.

Then to be ready for him at the second attack seems truly unheard of. All hail to the brave young girl. May her years be many and each one a year of usefulness and happiness full of the noble attributes that come from women and lighten and make easy the manifold burdens of man.

At Hopewell, Pa., the other day, Mrs. Margaret Toy, aged 81 years, was seen on the roof of her house directing carpenters; David Robinson, her brother aged 84, was in an apple tree cutting off limbs, and near by David M. Cope, a teacher, aged 83, was showing some young men tricks in wrestling used 50 years ago.

Thriving Liberty.

In the absence of Rev. P. F. Crawford, Mr. H. F. Surles, a student, from Furman University, filled his appointment here Sunday morning and evening, preaching two fine sermons. We were glad to have him with us and hope he will come again, especially the young ladies, from the way they greeted him. Of course several of them would like to attend commencement at Furman.

The young men gave us quite a treat Sunday morning by singing a quartet, "Nearer my home," which was greatly enjoyed by the congregation. Come again, gentlemen, we sure appreciate your help.

Mrs. Callaway, of Westminster, visited friends here Sunday.

Pink Taylor, of the Parkins Pharmacy, is sick at his home, in Greers. His many friends here hope he will soon be with them again.

Mrs. Herbert Smith, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Robert Fickling, of Blackville, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. James Heaton, of Travers Rest, visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Job Smith, Sunday.

Eugene Brown, of The Atlanta Medical College is at home for his vacation and is helping Dr. Sheldon with some of his practice.

James L. McCord, who has been confined to his room for some time, is able to be out again.

B. W. McWhorter has bought the Mrs. Ford property and is erecting a handsome postoffice building and later will build a large store room.

The Liberty Township Sunday School Convention met Thursday at the Presbyterian church and was well attended. Much interest was taken in the Sunday School work. Dr. Lander and Rev. D. D. Jones, of Easley, gave some interesting talks which were enjoyed by all present. We are glad to see the people interested in the work and hope much good may be accomplished.

R. L. Bass, at T. N. Hunter's old store, serves ice cream from early Monday morning till late Saturday evening. Come around and get an ice-cream. Brother Bass will treat you nicely.

Miss Irene Clay has returned from her visit to Spartanburg, where she took in the May Festival.

Mrs. C. H. Parkins is visiting in Laurens.

Mrs. J. C. Rankin, who has been quite sick, is improving slowly.

Chapman & Callahan has moved what goods was saved from the fire, to W. S. Parsons old stand and is selling at cost.

J. Hugh Shirley had the misfortune to get his leg broken last week. It was set by Dr. W. A. Sheldon and he is getting along nicely.

Central is after your trade.

D. E. Hendricks Dead.

Died at his home, 3 miles north-east of Pickens, at 11 o'clock, Tuesday night, 5th inst., Mr. D. Ervine Hendricks, aged about 62 years.

He was a man of excellent habits, fine moral character and sturdy constitution, and he continued to be active in his accustomed pursuits till long past the age at which men ordinarily drop out of the ranks of the workers. To this end there is no doubt that his sunshiny disposition largely contributed. He met most of the conditions and situations of life with a smile. He was a practical, matter-of-fact man, but had his own peculiar way of extracting merriment from life as it went along, and he was not disposed to worry about matters that could be bettered in other ways. This cheerful spirit remained with him to the last, and he retained his clearness of intellect up to his closing days.

He was a man of generous impulses and never forgot the hospitable ways of the pioneer. The stranger, even though a beggar, never failed to find food and shelter if he sought it at his hands, and he was at home by the bedside of the sick and deluged in all kind and neighborly offices. He had borne adversity bravely and enjoyed prosperity quietly. He had filled the various relations of life, as son, husband, father, brother, friend, and filled them well. Who can do more?

Mr Hendricks leaves two sisters, a wife, several children and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his death. His remains were laid to rest at Griffin church of which he was a long, useful and consistent member, on Thursday morning, and as the last sad rites were performed, and as the clay of earth closed above his silent resting-place, we said with the poet:

"Cold in the dust the perished heart may die,
But that which warmed it once can never die."

How much this community owes him and such as he, it is impossible to estimate, though it would be a grateful task to trace his influence through some of the more direct channels, to hold him up in these degenerate days, in his various characters of husband and father, of neighbor and friend, to speak of the sons and daughters he has reared to perpetuate his name and emulate his virtues. But it comes not within the scope of this brief article to do so. Suffice it to say he lived nobly and died peacefully. The stern Reaper found him, "as a shock of corn, fully ripe for the harvest."

Not for him be our tears! Rather let us crown his grave with garlands; few of us will live as long or as well, and fewer yet will the Angel of Death greet with such a loving touch.

Two horses belonging to a former minister of France and kept in luxurious idleness near Milton Del., were shipped to France because the minister's widow desired to see the animals.

A Shrewd Republican Scheme.

If South Carolina Democrats received reliable information that Republican campaign managers had secured a five-million-dollar fund to apply to the purchase of newspaper support for the Republican nominee they would get sizzling hot with indignation. And they would be righteously angry.

But Republican campaign managers are not going to do this thing. There is a better plan. It has been working for five or six months. It is more insidious than the other and so more dangerous. The people, who would be financial losers under a political regime where the government is run for the benefit of the many and not to fatten the few, know that Bryan is the only Democrat that this year threatens the power of the party of the trusts and special privileges. With great shrewdness, those interests have not waited until Bryan's nomination to begin their fight. If that nomination could be prevented their fight would be won before the opening of the campaign. And they could work for his defeat without exposing a hand. They would have as their natural allies all Republican papers and magazines, and as their dupes the old anti-Bryanites, among papers and politicians in the Democratic ranks. Those birds were baited with the declaration that these interests were ready to support a safe and sane Democrat, who could be elected if Bryan were eliminated. And many of the Democratic birds took the bait. Perhaps one here and there a little wild was captured through the sprinkling, directly or indirectly, of a little financial salt.

For months one of the most ingenious campaigns ever made in America, for or against any man, has been conducted by that anti-Bryan organization. It has operated from New York to California; in the South, in the East, in the West. Two anti-Bryan emissaries have traveled through the South; they were liberal gentlemen—"anybody, especially any good Southern man, to beat Bryan!" They hammered on Culberson and on Daniel in a vain endeavor to switch the Texas and Virginia vote for Bryan. They dragged at Gray, and are still pulling on Johnson, who may be deceived into attending his own political funeral. And what vigorous effort was made to direct the country's attention to New York's Democratic lieutenant-governor! We estimate that not less than \$25,000 was spent in "Chanler literature" alone in the abortive attempt to persuade the country that he was living.

And the fight goes on, and through it all the strength of Bryan's popularity has been as unshaken as the rocks upon which the sea dashes. Indeed, Bryan is growing stronger when any other man in the party must have gone down under the assaults. But the people should understand the full significance of the war against him.—The State.

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